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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

2. At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council[1] that were to be considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/54/1).

3. The Third Committee considered the item at its 56th meeting, on 22 November 1999. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the summary record of the meeting (A/C.3/54/SR.56).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1999[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999 (A/54/443).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/54/3).

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II. Consideration of proposals

A. Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000-2001

5. At the 56th meeting, on 22 November, the representative of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/54/L.100) entitled "Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1999-2000" (see A/C.3/54/SR.56).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its organization of work and draft biennial programme of work for 2000-2001, as orally revised (see para. 8, draft decision I).

B. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. At its 56th meeting, on 22 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (see para. 8, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Third Committee

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000-2001

The General Assembly, pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approves the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2000-2001, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the agenda item

on human rights questions should not exceed 15 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted separately but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;
3. Crime prevention and criminal justice;
4. International drug control;
5. Advancement of women;
6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century";
7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions;
8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children;
9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;[a]

11. Right of peoples to self-determination;[b]

12. Human rights questions:[b c]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below.[d]

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons and related activities (1999)

[a] Items 10 and 11 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] Sub-items (a) and (d) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

[c] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

[d] References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

United Nations literacy decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Item 4
International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5
Advancement of women

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Biennial

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (2001)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Item 6
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2001)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 8
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2000) (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11
Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 12
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Protection of migrants (2000)

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (2000)

Situation of human rights in Cambodia (2000)

Human rights and cultural diversity (2000)

Declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms (2000)

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade on Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (2000)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2000-2001

2000[a]

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

[a] The programme of work and documentation for 2000 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2000.

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons

Item 3
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the recommendations of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on appropriate follow-up to conclusions and recommendations of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on concrete proposals to strengthen the programmes and activities of the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

Item 4
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (General Assembly resolution 48/112)

Item 5
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180) (through the Economic and Social Council)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 53/116)

Report of the Secretary-General on the revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Item 6
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Item 7
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (through the Economic and Social Council)

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 53/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Item 8
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the girl child

Item 9
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the world conference against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Item 11
Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the rights of peoples to self-determination

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries

Item 12
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants

Report of the Secretary-General on measures to implement the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 53/142)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 53/147)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/148)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 53/150)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 53/146)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Question of human rights in Afghanistan

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iraq

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Situation of human rights in Haiti

Situation of human rights in the Sudan

Situation of human rights in Kosovo

Situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)

Situation of human rights in Rwanda

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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2001

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (through the Commission on Social Development)

Report of the Secretary-General on a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade (through the Economic and Social Council)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution on cooperatives in social development (through the Economic and Social Council)

Report of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (through the Economic and Social Council)

Item 3
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (General Assembly resolution 47/100)

Item 5
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the problem of violence against women migrant workers

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124)

Item 6
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 7
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Item 8
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Documentation

Item 9
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the final outcome of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Item 11
Right of peoples to self-determination

Item 12
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Report of the representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)

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Draft decision II
Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, C and I) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[2]

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[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/54/3)